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TEAM OF THE US EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY ON FEBRUARY 18, 1977

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1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VISITING DELEGATION, CONGRESSMAN SLACK, BEGAN THE MEETING BY SUGGESTING THAT MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM GIVE A BASIC EXPLANATION OF THEIR PARTICULAR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT THE REST OF THE DELEGATION DEFER ITS QUESTIONS UNTIL THESE BRIEF SUMMARIES WERE COMPLETED.

2. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF US.-MEXICAN RELATIONS STRESSING THE HIGH LEVEL OF INTERDEPENDENCE, THE INTENSITY AND COMPLEXITY OF US.-MEXICAN RELATIONS AS REFLECTED IN THE SIZE OF OUR MISSION - THAT IS, ONE OF THE LARGEST EMBASSIES IN THE WORLD WITH FIVE CONSULATES GENERAL AND FOUR CONSULATES.

3. POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF THE EMBASSY PICKED UP THE THEME AND POINTED OUT TO THE DELEGATION THAT THIS IS A CRUCIAL TIME IN US.-MEXICAN RELATIONS BECAUSE IT IS A TIME OF CHANGE FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS. HE EXPLAINED THE  
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NEW CONFIDENCE WHICH HAS ARISEN IN MEXICO WITY THE ADVENT OF THE JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO ADMINISTRATION. MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH POLITICAL CONTENT BETWEEN THE US. AND MEXICO ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, AND TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

4. THE ECONOMIC SECTION'S SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED FOR THE

DELEGATION THE GREAT ECONOMIC SUCCESSES OF MEXICO OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS AND THE ECONOMIC FACTORS WHICH CAUSED THE DEVALUATION OF THE PESO LAST SEPTEMBER. MEXICO IS HOPING THAT DEVALUATION WILL MAKE ITS INDUSTRIES COMPETITIVE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, THEREBY IMPROVING ITS TRADE DEFICIT AND STIMULATING INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION AND JOB CREATION.

5. THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR OF THE EMBASSY CONCENTRATED ON DESCRIBING THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN MEXICO. MEXICO CURRENTLY HAS A TOTAL OF 5 BILLION WORTH OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT - ABOUT 70 0/0 FROM US. COMPANIES. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THE IN-BOND FACTORY OPERATIONS ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER WHICH INVOLVE 444 FACTORIES AND 74,000 EMPLOYEES. THESE ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS, WHICH ARE ALLOWED UNDER THE US. TARIFF CODES 806 AND 807, ARE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INCOME FOR MEXICO.

6. THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER EXPLAINED THE FOUR BASIC GOALS OF USIS IN MEXICO: 1) TO SUPPORT THE FOREIGN POLICY GOALS OF THE UNITED STATES 2) TO SUPPORT US. ECONOMIC GOALS IN MEXICO 3) TO PRESENT THE US. IMAGE ABROAD AND 4 TO PROMOTE THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES. USIS THROUGH THE PRESS OFFICE HAS A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MEXICAN PRESS: FOR EXAMPLE DURING RECENT JLP VISIT TO WASHINGTON, USIS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY IN THE COORDINATION OF MEXICAN PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT.

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7. THE CONSUL GENERAL DETAILED CONSULAR OPERATIONS IN MEXICO, OUR LARGEST IN THE WORLD. ANNUAL VISA LOAD IN MEXICO HAS BEEN 60,000 IMMIGRANT VISAS PER YEAR AND 400,000 NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS PER YEAR (200,000 IN MEXICO CITY ALONE). THE CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT OFFICE IN MEXICO CITY DEALS WITH APPROXIMATELY 3,000 AMERICANS PER MONTH. ROUGH ESTIMATES INDICATE THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 150,000 AMERICAN CITIZENS LIVING IN MEXICO, 50,000 OF THEM IN THE MEXICO CITY CONSULAR DISTRICT. IN REVIEWING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CITIZENS CONSULAR SERVICES SECTION, HE REVIED THREE MAJOR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY: 1) US. CITIZEN PRISONERS IN MEXICO; 2) RETURN OF STOLEN CARS AND AIRPLANES; 3) PROTECTION OF AMERICAN TOURISTS.

8. BECAUSE OF THE TIME LIMIT, THE MEETING WAS TURNED OVER TO THE CONGRESS PORSONS FOR QUESTIONS. CONGRESSMAN SLACK ASKED ABOUT MEXICO'S REACTION TO THE US. NEW 200 MILE FISHERY ZONE. THE SCIENCE ATTACHE EXPLAINED THAT MEXICO IS VERY UNDERSTANDING SINCE THEY

HAVE ALREADY ENACTED THEIR OWN 200 MILE ZONE AND ALSO EXPLAINED THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE US.-MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST AUGUST. CONGRESSMAN SLACK ALSO ASKED ABOUT VOA OPERATIONS IN MEXICO. THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT DIRECT VOA BROADCASTS ARE NOT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN MEXICO SINCE MEXICO HAS REGULAR ACCESS TO US. RADIO AND MEXICANS ARE NOT SHORT-WAVE LISTENERS. HOWEVER, MEXICAN MEDIA DOES USE VOA TAPES, CORRESPONDENT REPORTS, ETC., PLACED BY USIS. CONGRESSMAN J. KENNETH ROBINSON REQUESTED SOME BACKGROUND ON THE ACTIVITIES OF DEA IN MEXICO SINCE THE DELEGATION WOULD NEXT BE CALLING ON MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL, OSCAR FLORES. DEA DETAILED THEIR ACTIVITIES HERE.

9. ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18-20, VARIOUS DELEGATION MEMBERS MET WITH INDIVIDUAL EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICERS ON PROBLEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO EACH DELEGATION MEMBER. AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE THE TREATY ON THE EXECUTION OF PENAL SENTENCES, THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN MEXICO, THE WORK OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE OFFICE AND OF THE POLITICAL RESEARCH SECTION, AND ASPECTS OF EMBASSY ADMINISTRATION, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE PREMISES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PROTECTION OF AMERICAN EMPLOYEES. THOMPSON

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